(d) by what time it would be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Mega City policing is a component of the scheme for modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), a non-Plan Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Mega City policing covers 7 (seven) cities namely Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Ahmedabd. Assistance is given to States for Mega Cities based on individual city-specific plans formulated by the States and approved by the Central Government. Under MPF Scheme financial assistance is given to 6 (six) Mega Cities except Delhi for acquiring vehicles, communication equipments, weaponry, equipments like Night vision devices, GPS/GIS for dial 100 system and patrol cars, surveillance camera systems, CCTV systems, security equipment like portable x-ray machines, vehicle scanner, vehicle number plate identification system, etc.

For the NCT of Delhi, funds are released to Delhi Police for modernisation of Police Forces under a separate modernisation scheme for UTs, starting from the year 2006-07.

Meeting over the issue of Gorkhaland

1018. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some political persons had a meeting with Government on the issue of "Gokhaland";

(b) if so, the details of the meeting; and

(c) whether Union Government has given any assurance to the delegation on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The first round of tripartite discussions on the demands made by Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) and others regarding Gorkhaland issue was held on September 8, 2008 at the behest of the Government of West Bengal. The representatives of the State Government of West Bengal, Union Government and others concerned, including GJM, attended the meeting. The tripartite meeting was held to enable GJM and the other parties to put forth their viewpoints on the issues involved so as to provide better understanding of the same to the representatives of the State Government as well as Government of India.

Special Squads to tackle terrorism

1019. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direction has been given to set up Special Squads to tackle terrorism;